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AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

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FOR DOUGLAS HARWOOD SAD/OIM/BIC AND PETER HALE CAGNE/OIM/
BIC

BEIRUT FOR RTDO

E.O. 11652: N/A
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SUBJ: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

REF: A. USDOC 09911; B. WEEKLY REPORT NO 4 MAY 31, 1975
C. DAMASCUS 2450

1. THIS WILL ACKNOWLEDGE ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION AS INDICATED IN REF A.
2. HOWEVER REF A, PARA 2, FAILING TO AUTHORIZE ANY HOSPITALITY FUNDS AT THIS LATE DATE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC. AS DETAILED IN REF. B., NEITHER AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS OR BEIRUT COULD ASSIST ON HOSPITALITY REQUIREMENTS WHICH NECESSITATED DUSEX APPLYING FOR SPECIAL IMPORT LICENSE THROUGH THE FAIR AUTHORITIES. SIMULTANEOUSLY BECAUSE OF UNPREDICTABLE LEAD TIMES FUSEX HAS TO IMMEDIATELY ORDER THESE ITEMS FROM A PRIVATE BEIRUT VENDOR. ORDER PLACED JUNE 17 WHEN LICENSE APPROVED AND MERCHANDISE STILL NOT DELIVERED. BEIRUT TRUCK ATTEMPTING TO MAKE DELIVERY JUNE 26HCOULD NOT CLEAR BORDER AND SENT BACK.

2. FURTHERMORE DUSEX OBLIGED TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR
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DATES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE CONTRACT AS AVAILABLE FACILITIES THIS SERVICE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

3. ACTIONS IN PARA 2 AND 3 BOTH TAKEN ON DUSEX RESPONSIBILITY WITH NO HOSPITALITY AUTHORIZATION AND IF IT IS INTENDED THAT AMERICA DAY COMES TO FRUITION WE NOW URGENTLY REQUIRE FULL HOSPITALITY AUTHORIZATION OF \$3000 OR SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO CANCEL THAT EVENT.

4. AGAIN ON DUSEX RESPONSIBILITY HAD TO ISSUE LETTER OF INTENT COVERING YACUBIAN CONTRACT TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK. DUSEX HAS VERBAL AUTHORITY IMPLICIT IN TELCON KIRCHSCHLAGER/MURRIN/HARWOOD OF JUNE 27 BUT REQUIRES CABLED AUTHORITY FOR LETTER OF INTENT AND ULTIMATE CONTRACT. WITH FAIR THREE AND ONE - HALF WEEKS AWAY IMPOSSIBLE STOP EVERYTHING PENDING RECEIPT REVISED FISCAL PLAN WHICH WILL BE FURTHER DELAYED BY BEIRUT CONDITIONS.

5. STILL AWAITING WORD FROM FOCO ON ARRIVAL ADVANCE TEAM. MURPHY

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